



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
THANK A FARMER DAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2009

WHEREAS, the holiday season is a time to be thankful for America's abundant supply of safe, wholesome and affordable food; and

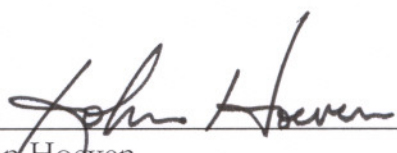
WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers produce food that nourishes our bodies and serves as the centerpiece for family gatherings and holiday celebrations; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of the American population works in food production and the average American farmer feeds 144 people; and

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers not only provide the food we eat, but also help sustain rural communities, preserve open space and wildlife habitat, and protect the environment; and

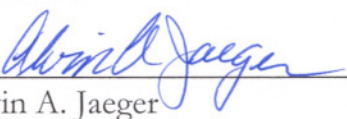
WHEREAS, farming and ranching play a vital role in the economy of our country and our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 20, 2009, **THANK A FARMER DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State